

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: Synopsys, Inc.  
Title: STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF CORRECTING PROXIMITY  
EFFECTS IN A TRI-TONE ATTENUATED PHASE-SHIFTING  
MASK  
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

## Initial Comments:

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This response addresses the status of Claims 1-8. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by "High Transmission Attenuated PSM" (Kachwala). Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 101 rejection.

Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are amended herein. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 8 are cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.